

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

Claim 16. (previously presented) A collapsible pet housing structure comprising:

a floor panel having a pair of parallel sides and a pair of ends extending between the sides;

a pair of generally opposing walls hingedly attached to the parallel sides of said floor panel, each wall comprising at least two generally planar wall panels connected to one another by a hinge connection, each of the wall panels having an external surface and an internal surface, the internal surface of the wall panels of one wall facing the internal surface of the wall panels of the opposing wall, the hinged connection between the wall panels allowing the wall panels to cooperate with one another to retain the external surfaces of the wall panels at an angle greater than 180 degrees relative to one another, so that the hinged connection allows movement of the wall panels from:

a first position where the external surfaces of the wall panels are at an acute angle relative to one another to a second position where the external surfaces of the wall panels are retained at an angle greater than 180 degrees relative to one another;

a roof panel, the roof panel being of a weight and extending between the walls and being hingedly connected to said walls; and

a pair of endwalls, each endwall being hingedly attached to said floor panel at opposing ends of the floor panel, the endwalls pivoting to a generally normal position with said floor panel to cooperate with said wall panels when said wall panels are in said second position to retain the

external surfaces of the wall panels at the second position relative to one another, so that the roof panel is supported by said endwalls when said wall panels are at the second position.

Claim 17. (previously presented) A collapsible pet housing structure comprising:

- a floor panel having a pair of parallel sides and a pair of ends extending between the sides;
- a pair of generally opposing walls hingedly attached to the parallel sides of the floor panel, each of the walls comprising at least two generally planar wall panels hingedly connected to one another along a hinge line, each of the wall panels having an external surface and an internal surface, the internal surface of the wall panels of one wall facing the internal surface of the wall panels of the opposing wall, the hinged connection between the wall panels allowing the wall panels to cooperate with one another to retain the external surfaces of the wall panels at an angle greater than 180 degrees relative to one another, so that the hinged connection allows movement of the wall panels from:
 - a first position where the external surfaces of the wall panels are at an acute angle relative to one another to a second position where the external surfaces of the wall panels are retained at an angle greater than 180 degrees relative to one another by a pair of endwalls, each endwall being hingedly attached to said floor panel at opposing ends of the floor panel, the endwalls pivoting from a position where both endwalls lie over said floor panel to a generally normal position with said floor panel to cooperate with said wall panels when said wall panels are in said second position to retain the external surfaces of the wall panels at the second position relative to one another; and
 - a roof panel, the roof panel being of a weight and extending between the walls and being hingedly connected to said walls, so that the roof panel is at least partially supported by said

walls when said wall panels are at the second position relative to one another, so that the roof panel cooperates with the wall panels and the endwalls to maintain the wall panels in the second position.

Claim 18. (previously presented) A method for creating a collapsible pet housing structure, the method comprising providing:

- a floor panel having a pair of parallel sides and a pair of ends extending between the sides;
- a pair of walls hingedly connected to the floor panel and comprising at least two generally planar wall panels hingedly connected to one another along a hinge line, each of the wall panels having an external surface, the hinged connection between the wall panels allowing the wall panels to cooperate with one another to retain the external surfaces of the wall panels at an angle greater than 180 degrees relative to one another, so that the hinged connection provides movement of the wall panels from:
 - a first position where the external surfaces of the wall panels are at an acute angle relative to one another to a second position where the external surfaces of the wall panels are retained at an angle greater than 180 degrees relative to one another, the wall panels cooperating with one another to retaining the external surfaces of the wall panels at the second position relative to one another; and
 - a pair of endwalls, each endwall being hingedly attached to said floor panel at opposing ends of the floor panel, the endwalls pivoting from a position where both endwalls lie over said floor panel to a generally normal position with said floor panel to cooperate with said wall panels when said wall panels are in said second position to retain the external surfaces of the wall panels at the second position relative to one another; and

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a roof panel, the roof panel being of a weight and extending between the walls and being hingedly connected to said walls; and

at least partially supporting the roof panel with said walls when said wall panels are at the second position relative to one another, and so that the roof panel cooperates with the wall panels such that the weight of the roof panel assists in maintaining the wall panels in the second position.